

STANDS OUT

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Document Deals With Three Important Questions

Treats Business Affairs On Business Principles

Columbus, O., Jan. 6.—Governor Harmon's message to the legislature at the opening of the present session stands out in the fullest measure of frankness and candor before the whole people of Ohio. It is a strong state paper, tersely written and clearly expressed. There is no waste of words or ornate rhetoric, no floundering in redundant verbiage. He comes to the point at once, and takes the people into his confidence as to what he believes would be the best course of action to promote the general welfare. Mindful of the great responsibility of his position and of his obligation to the people as their chief executive, he sets forth his official recommendations to the legislature in plain and unequivocal terms.

It was Tallyrand who believed that, in the ethics of statesmanship, words should be employed to conceal thought. There is no such false idea in the statesmanship of Judson Harmon. He employs words to make clear and concise his most serious thoughts and conclusions reached after mature deliberation.

The message is brief and may be read entire in a few minutes. When read through carefully it is a dull min indeed that will not clearly understand it. One of Governor Harmon's prime faculties is his ability to put a statement in plain words that cannot be easily misconstrued.

There may be some fault finding and cavilling on the part of a biased partisan press, but the best answer that can be made to any such perversion will be to quote the language of the governor himself as set down in black and white in his message.

The message deals first with three major questions before the people of Ohio today, then with various minor matters. In all there is no such taint of partisanship as cropped out at times in the official utterances of some of its predecessors. Instead of appeal to party feeling Governor Harmon treats business affairs of the state according to sound business principles and for business reasons. If he gains prestige thereby it is because he thus proves himself worthy of the confidence of the people.

The one great need of the state of Ohio for a number of years was to have such a man in the governor's office. Now that the state has such a governor it will be proof of the discretion of intelligent citizenship to keep him there another term. A careful reading of the governor's message ought to help many citizens to arrive at that reasonable conclusion and to remember it next November.

Crossing the Bridge.

When Andy Harris was acting governor he used to say almost every day that he would not cross a bridge until he got to it. When he was finally forced up to the investigation bridge he tried first to go over it with eyes shut, then tried to go over it backward.

In a special message to the legislature he added his voice officially to the shrieks of McKinnon, Green and Guilbert and Republicans leaders in both house and senate that the investigation of the state treasury and state auditors office by committees of the legislature was all political buncombe for campaign purposes. He wanted to call off the legislative investigation and appoint a "bi-partisan" committee of his own to "take the probe out of politics," but the senate knew it was a white-wash scheme and said NO.

When Governor Harmon got to the same bridge it started over it face forward. He said to the Republican attorney general, "come on, we're after 'em." What could the attorney general do but join the chase? Then the Republican secretary of state said it was the right thing to

do. The Republican state auditor said he was going to help. Now all the Republican state officials are trying to out-run the governor in the pursuit of graft, while Republican clackers are trying to give all the credit to Republican officials, placing all the blame on the dead treasurer and at the same time charging that Governor Harmon is only playing politics.

Can you imagine anything like it if Harris had been elected governor and Green treasurer? Can you imagine what it would be like today if the whole ticket headed by Judson Harmon and a majority of both branches of the legislature had been elected in 1908 to clean out instead of cover up graft at the state house? Don't forget that the opportunity to do it right will be up to the people of Ohio next November.

Unless the crafters have successfully burned their bridges (or their books) Governor Harmon is going to lead the whole ticket which bears his name over them to victory next time, and interference from Washington and by the G. O. P. machine in Ohio will only magnify the majority.

CONDITION

Of Corn Live Stock Up To January 1

As Shown By Ohio Correspondents

The following is the official report of the Ohio Department of Agriculture on the condition of corn and live stock, January 1

The following estimates are based on the reports received from the official crop and live stock correspondents of the department:

Corn—Condition in crib compared with average years, 97 per cent; condition in shock compared with average years, 93 per cent; amount not yet husked, 12 per cent; amount of crop that will be fed on the farm, 77 per cent.

Hogs—Condition compared with average years, 96 per cent; number fattening still in farmer's hands, 20 per cent.

Fall Pigs—Number compared with average years, 72 per cent; condition compared with average years, 95 per cent.

Sheep—Condition compared with average years, 96 per cent.

Cattle—Condition compared with average years, 96 per cent.

Horses—Condition compared with average years, 97 per cent.

SPECIAL

Evangelistic Meetings To Be Held In Baptist Church

Preparatory services are being held in the First Baptist church this week. The thought of tonight's service at 7 o'clock is "The Mighty Power of God's Word in the Words of Men."

Rev. George F. Rowe, Evangelist of the Ohio Baptist Convention, will be present Sunday to assist in special meetings. Mr. Lowe is a young man of fine personality, a man who appeals to men; a fluent speaker, earnest and forceful. As a pastor, or home mission evangelist in Oklahoma, or convention evangelist in Ohio Mr. Lowe has ever shown the elements of character and mind that win confidence and leads to action.

Rev. Arthur C. Smith of Cincinnati will reach the city Monday to take charge of the chorus, and present the gospel in song. Mr. Smith is a fine soloist, getting at the heart of the songs, and singing them out of a rich experience of grace. The chorus will have orchestral accompaniment, and will render special choruses, aside from leading the congregation in song.

The special meetings are primarily for the deepening and intensifying of the spiritual life in christian people, which will inevitably result in the winning to Christ of the unsaved.

The pastors and members of the other churches of the city will find most hearty welcome to the privileges and labors of the services. It is earnestly hoped that the blessings of the special meetings will reach into every membership, quickening souls to life in all the churches.

The people of Mt. Vernon are heartily invited to share the pleasures and blessings of this special season of refreshing from the Master. F. E. Brininstool.

NAME

Of Mt. Vernon Merchants' Association Is Changed

To The Citizens' Association Of Mt. Vernon

At A Regular Meeting On Wednesday Evening

Owner Of Electric Properties Makes A Speech

Concerning The Contemplated Improvements

The Mt. Vernon Merchants' Association held the regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the city council chamber with a large number in attendance. President Penn occupied the chair and the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary McCracken and were approved.

Mr. J. C. Tinker, chairman of the legislation committee, offered three resolutions. The first directed the association to oppose in every way possible any change in the garnishee law, the second directed the association to protest against the passage of a parcel post law and the third was relative to food legislation—that the association urge the passage of a state law conforming to the federal law. Upon motion of Mr. Litton all the resolutions were adopted by the association.

Mr. Devin offered a motion that copies of the resolutions be sent to the state house of representatives and the state senate. Carried.

The Rev. G. A. Reeder, D. D., was present and addressed the members of the association relative to the establishment of an orphanage home in Mt. Vernon in connection with the M. E. church. Dr. Reeder stated he was one of the trustees of the board seeking a location in some Ohio city for the establishment of such a home and he considered Mt. Vernon an ideal place for such a home. Upon motion of Mr. Devin the association heartily approved the plan suggested by Dr. Reeder and the proposition was referred to the new industries committee to co-operate with the board of trustees and see if the home could be located in Mt. Vernon.

Next followed a lengthy discussion relative to the changing the name of the association. Mr. Iams offered a motion that the association be called the Mt. Vernon Citizens' Association and the motion was carried.

Mr. Iams offered a motion that the association vote \$5 to the Knox Co. Poultry and Pet Stock association to be used in defraying the expense of the show which will be held next week. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Kachelmacher of Columbus, connected with the Mt. Vernon Street Railway and Light company, was introduced by President Penn and made a lengthy address concerning the properties which he represents in this city. Mr. Kachelmacher stated that the company had expended about \$20,000 for extensions in the city since the property had been acquired. He said that it would be impossible to make any improvements, as contemplated, before spring. He further said that subscriptions for stock would be received by the company if of a voluntary character. The gentleman stated that the properties were making no money at present, but that the light contract was a good one and would make money for the owners of the company. He stated that it was the plan of the owners of the property to establish and build an interurban out of Mt. Vernon at an early date. The speaker said that engineers had gone over the proposed extension to the State Sanatorium, but Mr. Kachelmacher was of the belief that such an extension would not pay. However, it may be built in the spring. Mr. Kachelmacher stated that the owners of the property wanted a franchise up North Main street to the cemetery. He further stated that Lake Hiawatha park was in the hands of the citizens of Mt. Vernon and it was up to them to say what should be done with the pleasure resort next summer.

Mr. Ringwalt inquired of Mr. Kachelmacher when the company intended to bring the lighting plant up to the standard. In reply Mr. Kachelmacher stated that it was the intention to build a new power plant in this city at an early date and that

the lighting system would never be in first class condition until the new power plant is built.

President Penn stated that the trustees of the State Sanatorium had granted a free right of way over the state farm for the extension of the street railway, provided that the course of the proposed line met with the approval of the trustees and the landscape gardener.

Mr. Devin took occasion to speak of the bad service which the citizens of Mt. Vernon are compelled to stand both from the light and the street railway companies.

Mr. William A. Ackerman also spoke along the lines as indicated by Mr. Devin.

Mr. Iams offered a motion that the matter of having an auxiliary membership to the association be referred to the new membership committee. Carried.

Adjourned.

CENTENNIAL

Celebration Of Mt. Zion Lodge Occurs Friday Night

All the committees in charge of the centennial celebration of Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M. to occur in the Masonic Temple Friday evening, met Wednesday evening and all details were completed for the event. The exercises commenced promptly at 7 o'clock and will be for Masons only. An elaborate program has been arranged for the evening and light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the exercises. Neddermyer's orchestra of Columbus will furnish the music.

VALUABLE

Dogs To Be Exhibited At The Coming Show

The kennel department of the Knox County Poultry & Pet Stock association promises to be filled to capacity, as entries from near-by towns are considering this show. The Kokosing Beagle Kennels will enter "Why-Not" an 8 point A. K. C. winner and Kokosing Bar Maid of Windholmes mating, Kokosing White Sox in the puppy class and Kokosing Bullet in the male class of 13 inches and over.

FELL

On The Ice And Badly Injured His Head

Mr. Michael Smithisler, who resides on Braddock street, was severely injured Wednesday as a result of a fall on the slippery walk. Mr. Smithisler was walking near the Taugher drug store when his feet slipped from under him, causing him to fall in such a manner that his forehead struck the ice with considerable force, cutting a bad gash just over his right eye. He was helped into the drug store where the wound was properly dressed.

OBITUARY

The Agnew Funeral
The funeral of the late Benjamin J. Agnew will occur Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late residence on West Hamtramck street.

CLINTON

Grange Hold Profitable Meeting On Wednesday

A good attendance of loyal grangers met at Clinton township grange hall Wednesday. Installation of officers and a very enjoyable oyster supper were the features of the day. The number present despite the inclemency of the weather and almost impassable condition of the roads was ample proof of the intense earnestness so apparent now everywhere among subordinate granges.

All broad minded progressive farmers who are desirous of contributing in any way to the advancement of agricultural interest should be in the grange.

JURORS

Who Will Serve At February Term Of Court

Which Will Convene In This City February 7

A Suit Filed To Set Aside The Blue Will

Which Was Recently Admitted To Probate

Other Items Of Interest From Temple Of Justice

The following names have been drawn from the wheel to serve on the grand jury and petit jury for the February term of court. The members of the grand jury are to report February 7 and the members of the petit jury on February 14.

GRAND JURY

W. H. Woodward—Berlin
John A. Cassell—Howard
Winchester Fouch—Fourth ward
Charles Scholes—Brown
Wilson Grubb—Monroe
Samuel F. Cary—Third ward
Hiram Fishburn—Clinton
Hiram Daniels—Pike
Albert Wolfe—Union
C. E. McCutcheon—Wayne
Arthur Parmenter—Fourth ward
George Murphy—Middlebury
Harry Holmes—College
W. H. Sellers—Morgan
Lyman Workman—Brown

PETIT JURY

Calvin Beckley—Morris
Royal Fendrick—Union
Frank Craig—First ward
John Snively—Brown
John O. Harris—Jackson
George Lepley—Second ward
Everett L. Wolfe—Jackson
Clyde Swihart—Union
C. L. V. Mercer—Third ward
Mack Cummins—Jackson
W. S. Crouch—Pleasant
Potter Sockman—Second ward
Edwin Brown—Liberty
Paul Robertson—Liberty
Jloyd M. Bell—Hilliar
Linda Horn—Harrison
Wm. V. Hampshire—Morgan
Scholar C. Horn—Jackson
C. B. Brokaw—Hilliar
Charles E. Cochran—Liberty

Sues Gas Company:

Albert R. Scott, through Attorneys W. M. Koons & Sons has filed suit in common pleas court against The Jefferson Oil & Gas Co., of Bellville for \$1,182.34.

The plaintiff says on or about Nov. 4, 1907, he entered into a written agreement with defendant to drill a certain gas well in Jefferson township on the Stoffer lease. He says he was not paid and secured a judgment of \$1,344.98 and that the only payment is a credit of \$261.80, balance in the hands of the sheriff after paying the costs and other liens. He says that there is still due a balance on the judgment of \$1,182.34 for which he prays judgment against The Jefferson Oil & Gas Company and W. A. Koppe, L. M. Gardner, S. E. Lundy, W. J. Geer and F. K. Berry. — Mansfield Shield.

To Set Aside Will:

Ella Blue has commenced an action in the court of common pleas against C. L. V. Blue, executor of Willis A. Blue, et al., for the purpose of setting aside the will of the late Willis A. Blue which was admitted to probate on December 26. The plaintiff claims that this is not the last will and testament of the said Willis A. Blue. Attorneys for the plaintiff are Neal & Sapp and Owen & Carr.

Will Be Taken To Liberty:

Sheriff Parker has received a telegram that W. M. Ross, an officer of Liberty, Ind., will be in the city to take Harry Blake, colored, back to that city where he is wanted on a charge of petit larceny.

Thomas Estate:

R. M. Greer has been appointed administrator of Henry J. Thomas, giving bond in the sum of \$2,000 with H. H. Greer and L. T. Cromley as securities. The appraisers are H. H. Greer, Frank L. Beam and L. T. Cromley.

First and Final:

A first and final account has been filed in probate by Joseph Wagner,

executor of Emma Secord showing the following: Received \$1,957.75, paid out \$1,640.34, due the estate, \$317.41.

BUT NOT TAX PROOF

(Life)

A model concrete house has been built by a corporation at Montclair, N. J. It weighs 500 tons and has only two ingredients—concrete and steel. It is, in effect, a solid chunk of rock, and is expected to last forever. It is fireproof, rat and mouse proof—everything but tax proof.

To make an imperishable house that is not tax proof seems sort of futile, but after all it may be no more unecomic to make an immortal soul and neglect to make it proof against sin. A world of all-concrete houses and sin proof souls might not be so interesting as this world we know. There would be no fire engines, no insurance companies, and no churches. It might seem dull.

The perishable nature of mundane things probably helps to make us tolerant of them. Imperishable things, like souls, were wisely planned to be substantial. If souls weighed 500 tons we might wish they didn't last so well, and that permanent house in Montclair may be blown up in the next generation by a public out of all patience with its style.

MISSISSIPPI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 6.—A number of prominent visitors are in the city for the annual meeting of the Mississippi Historical society, which holds its opening session in the hall of the house of representatives this evening. The proceedings will continue over tomorrow. Among those on the program for addresses and papers are Dr. Franklin L. Riley of the University of Mississippi, Prof. G. M. Brunson of Mississippi College, Miss Mary B. Jenkins of Natchez, Mrs. Dunbar Rowland of Jackson, Judge R. C. Beckett of West Point, Hon. R. E. Wilborn of Meridian, William Beer of New Orleans, and Prof. Irby C. Nichols of the A. and M. College of Texas.

Paradoxical.

Our language very queer appears. Some phrases cause us to doubt. When one's race have started on "They're off!" the people shout. Then as the runners force ahead we hear above the din this cry: "He's taking all the rest! I'll bet that he will win!"

Next morning in the press we read: "His victory was sweet. He walked away from all his foes and ran them off their feet."

S.S.S. DRIVES OUT RHEUMATISM

When the blood becomes overcharged with uric acid it continually grows weaker, more acid, and poorer in nourishing qualities. The nerves, muscles and joints, instead of receiving their necessary nutriment from the circulation are gradually filled with the sharp uratic impurity with which the circulation is loaded, and the pains and aches of Rheumatism are the natural result. No amount of rubbing, or the application of external medicines can have any direct and curative effect on the blood; the most to be expected from such treatment is temporary relief from the pains and aches. There is but one way to cure Rheumatism, and that is to cleanse the blood of the uric acid impurity. S.S.S. is the proper treatment, because it goes down and attacks the disease at its head, and by filtering out every particle of the uratic matter and strengthening and enriching the blood, cures Rheumatism in every form. S.S.S. changes the sour, acid-burdened blood to a rich, healthy stream, which quiets the pain-racked nerves, muscles and joints, cools the feverish flesh, gently removes the cause and drives Rheumatism from the system. S.S.S. reaches inherited cases as well as those which have been acquired, and good results are always experienced from its use. Special book on Rheumatism containing many valuable suggestions for rheumatic sufferers and any medical advice free to all who write.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

Opening Announcement

We will open the R. F. Mantz store Saturday morning, with a rousing consolidation sale.

Never in the history of Mt. Vernon has the shopping public had such an opportunity to make their dollars go so far. Owing to the re-arranging of stock, prices will appear low. Cordially inviting you to take advantage of this great money saving opportunity.

A. A. Dowds Dry Goods Co.
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